Branches, e.p. Administration, Logistics, Accounts, Education and Meteorological Branches of the Air Force has also been approved by the Government. A proposal for similar induction of women into certain branches of the Army is also under consideration.

National Security Council

@3141. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have abandoned the plan to set up the National Security Council; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) The National Security Council was set up vide Cabinet Secretariat Resolution dated 24th August, 1990. Certain supporting structures were also required to be created. The Government is reviewing whether the proposed structures are required to be made functional in their present form.

Infiltration of Pakistani Intruders

@@3142. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of Pakistani intruders were found in Indian waters near Lakshdeep Islands in the early last month;

(b) if so, whether Government have established their antecedents and the action contemplated taken against them; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to check infiltration of Pakistani agents through sea in the country?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) On the 9th November, 1991, the Coast Guard apprehended three Pakistani fishing trawlers poaching in the Indian Exclusive Economic Zone off the Lakshadeep Islands. The three trawlers and the crew of 45 members have been handed over by the Coast Guard to the Police authorities at New Mangalore, Karnataka, for prosecution undetr the Maritime Zones of India Act 1981.

(c) The Indian Navy/Coast Guard maintain continuous vigil along the Indian coastline in Order to check illegal activities including infiltration by foreign vessels/foreigners.

Construction of roads by border roads organisation in north eastern states

@@3143. SHRI KHYOMOLOTHA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of roads taken up by the Border Road Organisation in the North Eastern States;

(b) what is the reason for discontinuing the construction work of the Foot Hill Road from Dimapur to Naginamara via Merapani in Nagaland;

(c) whether this Foot Hill Road construction work will be transferred to Nagaland State Works and Housing Department; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) The Border Roads Development Board has taken up construction / maintenance of road for different organisations as per details given below:—

1.	*Border Roads Development Board Roads* Roads of operational importance to Army	4599 Kms.
2.	*Agency Roads* Roads of economic importance and Inter-State roads sponsored by North Eastern Council	2744 Kms.
3.	*National Highways*	1773 Kms.
4.	*Border roads along the Indo-Bangladesh border*	932 Kms.
5.	*Other roads*	585 Kms.

@Previously Unstarred Question 1961, transferred from the 11th December, 1991.

@@Previously Unstarred Question 1965, transferred from 11th December, 1991.

@@@Previously Unstarred Question 2581, transferred from the 16th December, 1991.